

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 6 and 7 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to claims 1-10 asserting that the phrases "the plurality of services," and "the respective services," lack proper antecedent basis. To obviate these objections, claims 1, 6 and 7 are amended for clarity to recite "the plural services" and "the respective plural services" as suggested. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to the claims be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheyer (U.S. Patent No. 6,851,115) in view of Tadokoro (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0052796). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Cheyer and Tadokoro, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest a service acquisition unit that acquires plural services available to a user by using user information, wherein the user information includes the present state of the user at the time a service is executed, and is updated each time the service is executed, as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claim 7.

In col. 7, lines 58-63, Cheyer merely discloses a user interface that is responsible for accepting user input. The user interface accepts the user inputs and sends the user name and password to a facilitator. Cheyer fails to disclose or suggest a service acquisition unit that acquires plural services available to a user by using the present state of the user at the time a service is executed.

Tadokoro fails to cure the deficiencies of Cheyer. Tadokoro, at paragraph [0068], merely discloses that a table 134 stores information related to real-world services available to users. The common information state table 134 include a user identification code 801,

service code 802, cooperated company user code 803, proximity and timing codes 804 and 805. Tadokoro merely discloses a database containing user information and fails to disclose any acquisition unit that acquires plural services.

Even if Tadokoro discloses user information that includes the present state of the user at the time a service is executed, the combination of Cheyer and Tadokoro fails to disclose or suggest a service acquisition unit that uses the present state of the user at the time a service is executed to acquire plural services available to a user, as featured in independent claim 1 and similarly featured in independent claim 7.

Therefore, Cheyer or Tadokoro, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest a service acquisition unit that acquires plural service available to a user by using user information, wherein the user information includes the present state of the user at a time a service is executed, and is updated each time the service is executed, as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claim 7.

Even if Cheyer and Tadokoro are combined, one having ordinary skill in the art would not have known or have been motivated to use user information described in Tadokoro to acquire the plural services available to the user. The combination of Cheyer and Tadokoro merely discloses a user-name/login prompt and unique user information and fail to disclose or suggest a service acquisition unit that acquires plural service available to a user by using user information, wherein the user information includes the present state of the user at a time a service is executed, and is updated each time the service is executed, as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claim 7.

In accordance with the above remarks, independent claims 1 and 7 define patentable subject matter. Claims 2-6 and 8-10 depend from independent claims 1 and 7 respectively, and therefore, are patentable for the same reasons, as well as for the additional features

recited therein. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully asserts that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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